

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated November 24, 2003 (Paper No. 5). Claims 39, 45 to 59 and 65 are pending in the application, with Claims 1 to 38, 40 to 44 and 60 to 64 having been cancelled, and Claim 65 having been added. Claims 39 and 54 to 57 have been amended. Claim 39 is in independent form. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the specification was objected to for informalities. In particular, the Office Action alleged that the term "demultiplexer B1103" at line 7 of page 27 should read "demultiplexer B1203."

The specification has been amended to attend to this objection. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection to the specification are respectfully requested.

Claim 57 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. In particular, the Office Action alleged that there is insufficient antecedent basis for the limitation "said program information data."

Claim 57 has been amended to attend to this rejection. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the foregoing claim rejection are respectfully requested.

Claims 1 to 8, 13, 14, 17 to 28, 33, 34, 37 to 46 and 62 to 64 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 5,550,576 (Klosterman); Claims 9 to 12, 29 to 32 and 47 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Klosterman in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,808,694 (Usui); Claims 15, 16, 35, 36, 47 to 50 and 52 to 61 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Klosterman in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,801,787 (Schein); Claim 51 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Klosterman in view of Schein

and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,686,954 (Yoshinbo); Claims 15, 16, 35 and 36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Klosterman in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,751,372 (Forson); and Claims 48, 49, 53 and 55 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Klosterman in view of Usui and further in view of Forson. Claims 1 to 38, 40 to 44 and 60 to 64 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter and without conceding the correctness of their rejection. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of the remaining claims are respectfully requested.

The present invention generally concerns receiving data. A television signal is received, and first program information data and second program information data are entered, which indicate information relating to a same program. Among its many features, the present invention provides for (i) designating desired program information from the first program information data and the second program information data, and (ii) integrating the first program information data and the second program information data, based on the desired program information.

By virtue of these features, in which desired program information is designated from the first and second program information data, and in which the first and second program information data are integrated based on the desired program information, redundant display of information can be avoided and the amount of information displayed can be controlled.

Referring specifically to the claims, independent Claim 1 as amended is directed to a reception apparatus including reception means for receiving a television signal, and input means for entering first program information data and second program information data which indicate information relating to a same program. The apparatus

also includes designation means for designating desired program information from the first program information data and the second program information data entered by the input means. The apparatus also includes integration means for integrating the first program information data and the second program information data entered by the input means, based on the desired program information designated by the designation means. In addition, the apparatus includes display means for displaying the first program information data and the second program information data integrated by the integration means.

The applied art is not seen to disclose or to suggest the features of the invention of the subject application. In particular, the Klosterman patent is not seen to disclose or suggest at least the features of (i) designating desired program information from the first program information data and the second program information data, and (ii) integrating the first program information data and the second program information data, based on the desired program information.

As understood by Applicants, Klosterman teaches the merging of television schedule information received from multiple sources. See Klosterman, Abstract. In Klosterman, remote control 32 can be utilized by a user to program coordinator 20, or to move between different channels, times and shows in grid guide 50. Moreover, remote control 32 can be used to select a certain channel or show for displaying additional information associated with a particular show, where the additional information may include a short description of that show. To display this additional information, coordinator 20 accesses the desired information in RAM 38 or switches to a different input of data, and displays the additional information in an appropriate place within grid guide 50. This additional information is preferably displayed in an overlay, as a pull down

window under the selected show, or as a defined information window at the top or the bottom of the screen. See Klosterman, column 8, lines 1 to 20.

To display additional information in Klosterman, the data input is switched or the desired information is accessed in RAM. This is different than the present invention, in which first and second program information data are integrated based on desired program information. Accordingly, Klosterman is not seen to disclose or suggest (i) designating desired program information from the first program information data and the second program information data, and (ii) integrating the first program information data and the second program information data, based on the desired program information. In addition, Klosterman is not seen to disclose or suggest the attendant benefits that such integration of data based on desired program information would provide.

Usui, Schein, Yoshinbo and Forson have also been reviewed and are not seen to compensate for the deficiencies of Klosterman.

Accordingly, based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, independent Claim 39 as amended is believed to be allowable over the applied references.

The other claims in the application are each dependent from the independent claims and are believed to be allowable over the applied references for at least the same reasons. Because each dependent claim is deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual consideration of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

No other matters being raised, it is believed that the entire application is fully in condition for allowance, and such action is courteously solicited.

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